



Media Advisory

From: Rutherford County Offices

Rutherford County Offices are closed today, Thursday, February 26, 2015 due to inclement weather. All emergency services continue to be available.

The Rutherford County Senior Center and all satellite meal sites are closed today, Thursday, February 26, 2015. There will be no meal deliveries today, February 26th. A pre-packaged meal was delivered on Wednesday, February 25th, to home-delivered participants.

Rutherford County Transit is closed for operations today, Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Rutherford County Landfill and Convenience Centers are closed for operations today, Thursday, February 26, 2015.

All North Carolina Court Sessions in Rutherford County have been cancelled for Thursday, February 26, 2015. The Rutherford County Clerk of Court Office is closed today, Thursday, February 26, 2015. The public can call on Friday, February 27th, to get new court dates.

Rutherford County Health Department is closed for operations on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Rutherford County staff is monitoring the weather situation and will have further updates later this evening. Decisions regarding schedules and operations for Friday, February 27, 2015, will be forthcoming.

Even though Rutherford County may have missed the worst of this spring storm, the heavy, wet snow caused several trees and large limbs to fall, causing many power outages. Duke Power workers are out in full force. "Based on what we know now," noted Duke Energy District Manager, "we are planning to have everyone back on by 10 p.m. tonight (February 26). I am hopeful that the vast majority of outages will be back on by early afternoon."

A warm-up is expected today. Parking lots and sidewalks are being cleared by Public Works crews and contractors so the warmth/sun can finish off the process. Main roads are in better shape than expected with secondary roads containing slush. Please avoid going out until road conditions further improve. If you do go out, please be cautious.

Spring storm story.....As our Fire Marshal stopped for a tree fallen in the road, he called the Fire Department for help. As the volunteer firefighters were working with the Fire Marshal to clear the tree, they heard a "pop" and ANOTHER tree came down just missing everyone but scratching the Marshal's truck with top branches. **Many thanks to all County employees who were out last night and again this morning serving all of us.** Please remember to thank them as you see them.

For further information, contact Kim Aldridge at kim.aldridge@rutherfordcountync.gov or 828-287-6060. Updates will be forthcoming as information becomes available.

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